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NEWS RELEASE

A civil complaint was filed under the False Claims Act against Leona Lewis alleging that from 2003-2005 Ms. Lewis, a former employee responsible for payroll and timekeeping at the Naval Sea Systems Command ("NAVSEA") Warfare Center in Philadelphia, PA, forged her supervisors' signatures and fraudulently obtained approximately 73 overtime payments exceeding \$57,000.00, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Leona Lewis	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	39

If found liable, the defendant faces an amount equal to three times the actual damages sustained by the United States, together with a maximum civil penalty of \$11,000 for each false claim presented to the United States.

The case was investigated by Warren Lederberg and Terrence O'Connor of the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charlene Keller Fullmer.

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